

## RELATIVE TO THE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM'S POLICY ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORS

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (University) is the primary U.S. Land Grant institution accredited the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the governance and well-being of the University is vested in the Board of Regents (BOR); and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2017, the University completed risk assessment modules offered by its liability insurer, United Educators (UE);

WHEREAS, for risk reduction purposes, UE recommended that University programs and activities involving minors on or off campus be strengthened;

WHEREAS, in April 2017 the President appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to research and develop a University Policy on the Protection of Minors (Policy);

WHEREAS, under the oversight of UE, the Ad Hoc Committee conducted a review of such policies in other public and private institutions of higher education, and submitted a draft Policy to the Administration, to include best practices, policies and requirements under local and federal law;

WHEREAS, this Policy has also been submitted to the Administrative Council and the Faculty Union for review and comment;

WHEREAS, the Administration, together with the Academic, Personnel and Tenure Committee, submit and recommend this Policy to the BOR for approval and adoption.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Regents hereby approves and adopts the University of Guam's Policy on the Protection of Minors.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

Antoinette D. Sanford, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary